

Thank you for coming out and sharing your thoughts and ideas about Beaverton's future with me at your NAC meeting. You'll find the topics that we discussed, your feedback and any follow-up below. Of course, my door is always open and I look forward to hearing more from you. My email address is mayormail@ci.beaverton.or.us or you can reach me at (503) 526-3700.

- Mayor Denny Doyle

Note to reader: These notes reflect the questions and concerns this neighborhood raised during our Meet the Mayor Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2009. They will not be updated in real time and do not necessarily reflect the current status of the issues addressed. For the most current information please visit the Central Beaverton NAC's monthly meeting minutes.

HERE'S WHAT WE DISCUSSED...

- **Building relationships within our community:** It's so important to have strong relationships with our regional partners and local businesses. Building more community involvement is an important starting point, I encourage you to volunteer or join a City board or commission.
- **Diversity in our community:** One of my top priorities is to celebrate, integrate, challenge, involve and include everyone that makes up our diverse community. Dozens of local cultural leaders recently attended the first-ever Beaverton Multi-cultural Leadership Forum.
- **The economy:** Our budget has been and continues to be in pretty good shape, but we need to plan for the future and we owe it to our residents to be prudent. I've already set put in place constraints to make sure our budget stays healthy. In addition, we're working with local service organizations to make sure they have the resources they need to take care of the hungry in our community. I'll be asking for your help to make that happen.
- **Bringing family wage jobs to Beaverton:** We'll be focusing on bringing more family wage jobs to Beaverton by actively seeking out business development opportunities such as companies that are complementary to larger nearby manufacturers, green businesses that are a good fit within our community and niche businesses that build upon our strengths. I'm committed to balancing the needs of business with those of the community.
- **Planning for the future:** We need to make sure we have a plan, whether for 10 or 20 or even 30 years, to revitalize our commercial centers and to accommodate anticipated growth here in Beaverton. The Beaverton Community Vision is now on track to deliver that plan, which was created through public input, at the beginning of next year. Urban renewal is one tool we can use to make that happen.

FOLLOW-UP: THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS...

- **What is Beaverton's downtown?**
 - The Beaverton Bakery area has an "old town" neighborhood feel.

- The entire stretch of Broadway
 - West of Watson is underdeveloped. Develop the grass fields by the transit center.
 - Get the owners of the property into the conversation
 - Vacant lots in old town should be developed. The vacant lots create an isolated feel to the area.
 - The area plotted before parking lot zoning feels like downtown.
 - Anti-pedestrian development holds back from the small town feel
 - The area surrounding Farmington and Watson, by the Dairy Queen
 - Opportunities at The Round and Westgate to create a downtown
- **What changes would you like to see in your neighborhood?**
 - A return to Good Neighbor Days in Schiffler Park
 - Electric vehicle charging stations like Portland
 - Farmers market and public gardens
 - Portland Fruit Organization's model of collecting fruit from private trees and donating to the hungry
 - A 20 minute walking distance map of available services in the neighborhood to encourage residents to walk and spend their dollars in the neighborhood
- **Should we invest in the arts?**
 - Majority of attendees agreed that this is a good idea
- **Questions and additional comments from the NAC membership:**
 - Will there be homeless shelters in Beaverton? Are there grants available to fund them
 - Bike lanes on Canyon that suddenly end are dangerous to bicyclists and drivers
 - Anything like the yellow bikes that Portland tried